(c) and (d) As per the information received from State Government of Orissa, on an invitation from Orissa Society of America, Prof. Pandav Nayak, Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University visited the United States, in his individual capacity and during his visit he in his personal capacity had discussions with some of the US Universities.

Students going abroad for higher education

2447. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of Indian students are going abroad for higher studies; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated number of students going abroad for this purpose per year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) With the economic and financial reforms set in motion by the Government since 1991, there has been an internationalization of higher education through institutional linkage, increase in students mobility and offering of programmes across international boundaries. According to the available data, 6,918 students went abroad for higher studies during the year 1998-99. For 2001 -02 a newspaper report is giving a much larger number of Indian students going to US for higher studies.

Introduction of New Books

2448. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced some new history and other subject books recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that half of the time of the new academic year has passed;